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SUBJECT:

Application No. 09/637,527

A petition under 37 CFE 1.182 was filed on 29 November, 2000, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 29 November, 1000, the date of deposit of the item(s) noted as omitted in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) mailed on 6 October, 2000.

While the specification was reprocessed, it appears that the filing date has not been changed in PALM, therefore, the case is being returned to OIPE for issuance of a new filing receipt indicating a filing date of 29 November, 2000, and for issuance of a decision on the petition in accordance with MPEP 1002.02(q)(5).

Upon the mailing of a decision on the petition, the application file should **not** be returned to the Office of Petitions, but should be forwarded for further processing and examination.